

CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK

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Dickinson County Alert

The City issues utility and project related announcements through the Dickinson Alert system. If you are interested in receiving notifications, please register through Dickinson County Emergency Management at <https://www.dcem.us>.



Spring Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City Wide Clean-Up is scheduled for **Monday, June 7, 2021**. This is offered to all residents of Arnolds Park as a discounted way to dispose of items that are not collected during regular garbage pick-up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. White goods (appliances) and brown goods (electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 each; flat-screen TVs are \$15 each and older model box-style TVs are \$25 each. All of these items require a tag that can be purchased at City Hall prior to June 7. **Items must have a tag on them in order to be picked up.** Also, no lawn waste or recycling will be collected. If you need to dispose of building structures or other large objects that two men cannot easily handle, please call City Hall at (712) 332-2341 to make special arrangements and we will try to accommodate you.

The City will not pick up any hazardous items such as oil, paint, pesticides, weed control products, etc. Empty paint cans will be picked up if the can is dry and the top is off.

Please refrain from placing items curbside prior to the Saturday before the clean-up day. All debris, however, needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by **7:00 a.m. on June 7**.

Please be courteous if you are going through bags or boxes and put the items back that you do not want.

Yard Waste and Open Burning

The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and we ask that it never be blown into or placed on the streets, public roads, or neighboring lots.

If you wish to have your yard waste (no dirt or rocks) picked up it must be placed in City bags, tied shut, and placed at the **curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays**. The bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Cut branches in 4 ft. lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. Yard Waste is picked up April through October (dependent on the weather). City bags are available for purchase at City Hall and at Casey's in Arnolds Park. If you need to dispose of yard waste outside of this time frame you will need to drop off your bags at the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located at 2260 220th St. (A34) Milford, IA; charges may apply.

If you choose to burn your yard waste, please be courteous to neighbors and use good judgment based on weather conditions. All fires must be attended by a person 18 years of age or older at all times. Any yard waste that you burn on your property, must originate on your property. ***The burning of garbage, rubber, or anything of a toxic matter is strictly prohibited. Yard waste cannot be burned on City property.***

Animal Protection

It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person who has the animal on a maximum 10-foot leash, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel. Animals found at large in violation of this chapter shall be seized and impounded at the impoundment facility utilized by the City; or at the discretion of the peace officer, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder. Impounding costs are: twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the City impoundment fee, plus impoundment charges as established by the impounding facility.



Utility Billing

The water costs incurred by the City from our supplier are increasing, thus necessitating an increase in water charged by the City. Effective with the July 1, 2021 billing, quarterly minimum charges will increase to \$85.00 for residential customers and \$108.00 for non-residential customers. Quarterly bills are due on the 20th of the month in January, April, July and October. Annual bills are due on July 20. Paying by these dates will also earn you a 5% discount on the water!

Utility bills can be paid by cash or check at City Hall or online using a credit card at www.arnoldsparkcity.com. You may also have payment set up with an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Please contact City Hall for more information on taking advantage of this option.

Campground

Overnight camping at the Minnewashta Campground, located at 7 Bascom Street, is available on a first come first serve basis. The rates are \$35 a night with electricity and \$25 a night without, rates increase the week that includes July 4 to \$50 with electricity and \$40 without. **The City does not take reservations.**

Recycling

Curbside recycling days are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. [Please contact City Hall if you would like to receive a recycling container at no charge.](#) Recycling must be placed in the correct container in order to be picked up, Town & Country will not pick up recycling in any other container or if it is mixed in with garbage. Please have containers out by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated pick-up day. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Ave. if you should miss the curbside collection.

Accepted recyclables include: cans (steel, tin, aluminum), plastic containers (bottles, tubs, jugs), flattened cardboard, paper (newspapers, office paper, junk mail, magazines, phone books). Shredded paper and plastic bags need to be bagged separately in clear plastic bags. **Do not recycle the following items:** Glass (bottles, jars), styrofoam, ceramics, porcelain, baking glass, toys, clothes, shoes, rubber, waste & food, pizza boxes, hazardous materials (paint, lead, glue, oil), electronics (TVs, keyboards, batteries, bulbs), furnace filters.



Garbage Collection

Beginning Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day, garbage will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays. **Collection begins at 7:00 a.m.** If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated collection day.

Appliances & Electronics

Appliances and electronics are picked up curbside year-round. You must purchase a tag for these items at City Hall. Dickinson County has a recycling facility located at 2260 220th St. in Milford where you can dispose of all of the above items yourself. Please contact 712-338-2549 with any questions.

Projects

Pickle Ball Courts at Sawmill Park will be completed sometime this spring. The contractor is waiting for the temperatures to improve before putting the finish coat on. There will be four courts to enjoy.

An overlay on Prairie Lane and Pillsbury Point Park Road was postponed from fiscal year 2020 - 2021 due to funding and the uncertainty associated with the pandemic. Construction of several new homes was also underway and thought to be a threat to a new street while construction continued. This project will be completed in fiscal year 2021 - 2022.

The City is considering the establishment of a small home residential district in the Brown's cottage area. This will entail the construction of new infrastructure (water and sewer), so Miriam Lane and Circle Drive were removed from the Prairie Lane project and will be completed in the future.

A sidewalk will continue around Pillsbury Point on IDNR property and connect Lakeview Boulevard with the sidewalk from the Amusement Park. Included in the project will be the cleanup of the West Okoboji shoreline in cooperation with IDNR and Imagine Iowa Great Lakes who is providing the funding. Restoration of the shoreline will be similar in nature to Clare C. Wilson Park, and the Hattie Elston boat ramp.

Added angle parking was planned for this year as a result of the removal of the electric substation from Preservation Plaza by Alliant Energy. However, with Historic Arnolds Park and Imagine Iowa Great Lakes plans to improve Preservation Plaza and concert stage area, as well as IDOT's planned reconstruction of Highway 71 and local detour routes in the fall and spring of 2022 and 2023, and the fall of 2023; construction has been postponed tentatively until 2024.

Library News

The library staff is busy getting ready for our Summer Reading Program entitled "Reading Colors Your World". The program will start June 1st and will run through July 21st. All kids are welcome to join in on the fun with great programming, reading challenges; and, of course, great prizes! A variety of programs will be available for families to enjoy this summer.

Wednesday, June 2nd: RAD Zoo of Minnesota - Show times at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The RAD Zoo of Minnesota will be joining us for a day full of creepy, crawly, and slimy creatures. This interactive program will feature 10-12 reptiles and amphibians that live at the zoo. The program will be an informative, engaging and enjoyable experience for everyone (even for those who don't like creepy, crawly things). The kids will have a new appreciation for these unique creatures and their amazing talents. At the conclusion of the presentation, the kids will have the opportunity for a closer look at these creatures and can even pet a few of them! Please call the library to reserve your spot at one the three great shows available!

Wednesday, June 30th: Color Walk

Join us for a night of family fun. We will start the evening off with carnival games, bouncy houses, face painting, fire truck rides, food, and a color walk/run. Everyone is encouraged to wear a white or light-colored shirt to show off the bright colors! Be sure to end the evening down in the green space for a free outdoor movie sponsored by Jensen Realty. More details to come.

Wednesday, July 21st: Magical Balloon Guy and Balloon Workshop

Join us at 1:00 p.m. for the show "Readers Strike Back Balloon Show". Be prepared to be amazed, inspired, and entertained. There will be outstanding balloon animals, puppets, magic and more! After the show, Robb will be hosting a workshop where the kids can learn to make their own balloon animals.

Wednesday, July 21st - Saturday, July 24th: Scholastic Book Fair

The library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to end our summer reading program. All kids who participate in our summer reading program will have an opportunity to earn "Scholastic Dollars" by reading and filling out their journal each week. Kids can use their "Scholastic Dollars" to purchase new books at the end of the program. The more you read, the more you can earn!

Library Checkers TV: First Episode Airs June 7th!

This program features twelve 30-minute episodes that will be available on the library's Facebook page and website. Each episode will feature an animal of the week, animal arts and crafts, interviews with animal experts, and much more! To-go craft bags will be available for pick up at the library every week with an episode themed craft.

Storytime Tuesdays: Starts June 1st

Storytime will be held every Tuesday from June 1st through July 20th (there will be no story time on July 6th). We will meet at Central Park in Arnolds Park at 10:30 a.m. for great stories, outdoor playtime, sidewalk chalk and more!

Severe Weather

Sirens located at City Hall, Dam Road, & Benit Drive will be sounded. Tests for the sirens are held every Wednesday at

Police Department

As temperatures increase, so does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, rollerblading, etc. Please use the proper safety equipment for these activities and remember that traffic laws are to be obeyed by motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

If you are going to be using ATV's or golf carts this summer please make sure you are aware of all the rules and regulations. Copies of the ordinances are available online at www.arnoldsparkcity.com or at City Hall, or you may contact the Police Department with questions.

The Arnolds Park Police Department is looking forward to another busy summer season for our area businesses. We are always striving to enhance police protection for our citizens and tourists to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible.



In case of an emergency, call 911. You can also reach the Arnolds Park Police at 332-2227 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at 336-2525. As always, if our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.